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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
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CONTINUANCE OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO PERFORM EMERGENCY WORK AND TO PROCURE EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND SUPPLIES NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THE TOPANGA AND HARVARD FIRES

On October 25, 2005, your Board made a finding that emergency work to repair and alter specified flood control facilities was necessary to respond to emergency conditions created by the Topanga and Harvard fires, and that such emergency conditions did not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids.

Accordingly, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works to perform the emergency work by force account or by negotiated contract.

Public Works is proceeding to perform the work by force account. Removal of sediment at the Sunset Lower Debris basin will be completed by mid-November. Sediment removal will then begin at Stough Debris basin. New outlet towers for both Sunset Lower and Stough Debris basins are being fabricated and will be installed upon completion of sediment removal. Public Works will also be constructing a debris retention structure in Burbank to minimize impacts and mud flows to downstream residents.

We previously reported to your Board that we provided engineering advice to 11 residences in the Topanga Fire Area and 37 residences in the Harvard Fire Area. We have not received any further requests for advice.

We, therefore, recommend that your Board:

1. Determine that there is a need to continue this emergency action; and

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2. That the Executive Officer of the Board continue to place this item on the agenda for Board review every 14 days in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22050.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
Executive Office